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## CURRENT HAPPENINGS

### FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

#### SEYLER NOT GUILTY

#### ALLEGED SLAYER OF JANE ADAMS GIVEN FREEDOM.

#### Prisoner Takes Stand During Day. His Story Being a Complete Denial of Charges--Tells of Administration of Third Degree by Police.

William Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the "million dollar pier" at Atlantic City, N. J., last February, was acquitted Wednesday night at May's Landing, N. Y. The jury was out a little over five hours. When the verdict was announced there was a cheer from a portion of the crowd, which was quickly silenced by Judge Trenchard. Seyler fairly leaped at the counsel when he realized that he was again a free man. After greeting his counsel he walked over to the jury and shook hands with each of them, at the same time warmly expressing his thanks.

The crowd in the courtroom pressed forward and the acquitted man held an impromptu reception. After the stir was over, Orvis Seyler, William's brother, who had been held as a witness, was formally discharged and the two brothers immediately left the courthouse and took a train for Atlantic City.

The jury retired at 4:45 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. The prisoner himself occupied the witness stand all morning. His story was a complete denial of the charge.

As Edmund C. Gaskill, Seyler's counsel, was closing his argument, the defendant's 2-year-old daughter ran to her father, crying, "I want to be with papa."

Seyler in his testimony maintained that he did not know how the girl met her death and that the last he saw of her she was standing on the pier. He told of being sweated by the police who sought a confession.

#### FINE HOTEL BURNS.

#### Blaze at Bluff Point, N. Y., Causes a Loss of \$300,000.

The Hotel Champlain, at Bluff Point, N. Y., on Lake Champlain, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. It had not been opened for the summer season and there were no guests in the house. It was one of the largest and finest hotels in northern New York. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The hotel was to have been opened for the summer season on June 25. There were about sixty employees in the building. All got safely out, with the possible exception of an electrician named Herbert, who is reported missing.

President C. S. Sims, of the Delaware and Hudson company, said the loss would amount to about \$300,000. It was insured for \$223,000.

#### MEMORIAL TO MORTON.

#### Burkett's Bill for Forestry School Reported to Senate.

Senator Burkett's bill for the establishment of an institution of forestry at Nebraska City, Neb., as a memorial to the late J. Sterling Morton, formerly secretary of agriculture, was Wednesday reported by the senate committee on agriculture, of which Senator Dooliver is chairman. The purpose is to train forestry experts. The cost of the building and grounds would be limited by the bill to \$250,000.

#### DRY DOCK DEWEY IS SUNK.

#### Believed to Have Been Due to Carelessness of Japanese Employees.

It is the general opinion that the sinking Tuesday of the dry dock Dewey at Manila was due to carelessness rather than to a deliberate purpose on the part of the station employees, who are Japanese, to cause damage. The experts declare that the great floating dock, which was towed there from the United States at much expense, will be saved, despite the likelihood that it will be submerged.

#### Paper Money to Be Laundered.

Secretary MacVeagh has ordered a machine to launder paper money which he expects will save the government \$1,000,000 a year. When bills are washed and ironed, their life is practically doubled.

#### Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$7.60. Top hogs, \$9.30.

#### Shot Down from Ambush.

Alexander Combs, member of a well known Breathitt county, Ky., family was shot and killed from ambush on Wednesday while floating down the Kentucky river on a raft.

#### Raise Pay of 5,000.

The Terminal railroad association of St. Louis, Mo., has announced an increase of 5 per cent in the wages of its 5,000 employees who receive less than \$200 a month.

#### SHIPPERS MEET IN OMAHA.

#### Agree to Take Rate Raises to Attorney General Wickersham.

Protest to Attorney General Wickersham is to be made by the shippers of the trans-Mississippi territory against the proposed increase of freight rates on Omaha Tuesday evening, following an all day meeting during which every phase of the subject was gone into by those present. Nearly every city of importance in the territory was represented, but the railroads were not invited to participate or send representatives to hear the action of the meeting.

The meeting decided that every member of congress in the affected territory should be appealed to to assist, and that the most vigorous action should be taken to prevent the proposed rate being made.

Representing a committee appointed earlier in the day to proceed in such manner as appeared necessary, a delegation will meet in Washington next Tuesday and voice the protests of the shippers to Attorney General Wickersham. Ways and means for taking legal action to prevent the railroads carrying out their expressed determination of raising rates was taken by the shippers, and resort to the courts will be had in the event of such procedure being necessary.

H. G. Wilson, of Kansas City, expressed the opinion that "this means starting criminal prosecutions against our friends among the railroad men," but some member volunteered the information that "nobody will be hanged over it."

#### WANT NAME FOR COIN.

#### Canada Wants a Suitable Name for New Coin.

Treasury officials, coin dealers and those who are directly concerned in banking and other financial institutions are much interested in the proposed revolution of Canada's monetary system, which will be effected by a bill now before the house of commons at Ottawa. It will change the present system of coinage and provide for minting at Ottawa the following coins: Gold, \$20, \$10, \$5 and \$2.50; silver, \$1, 50 cents, 25 cents, 10 cents and 5 cents; bronze 1 cent.

All of the gold coins will be new to our neighbors over the border. Heretofore, when a Canadian needed gold, he has been compelled to use either the American eagle or the English sovereign. The chief change in the silver coin is the creation of the Canadian silver dollar, designed to meet the wishes of the Canadian Pacific provinces. Another important amendment to the old currency act is a provision that hereafter no man can offer in exchange for a debt more than 25 1-cent pieces. The Canadian government is desirous that the people of the Dominion give a distinctive popular name or title to the \$5 piece and its side partner, the \$2.50 piece. One prominent Canadian suggests that \$5 gold piece shall be called "a beaver," but the government doesn't like the title.

#### KILLING OF KING CARLOS.

#### Story Told by an Anarchist Being Investigated.

The Portuguese government is waiting the completion of the investigation of the statement made by an anarchist named Ramires before taking action against those named as the conspirators in the assassination of King Carlos and Crown Prince Luis in 1908. Ramires escaped to Brazil following the assassination, but was recently arrested and taken back to Lisbon. Subsequently he made a confession and gave to the police the names of 1,148 persons, including several prominent in politics, who he said shared in the conspiracy.

#### Kansas Bankers Confer.

A number of Kansas bankers were in conference at Kansas City, Tuesday, formulating an appeal to the United States supreme court from the decision of the United States court of appeals, which declared the Kansas bank guaranty law valid.

#### Will Loan China Thirty Millions.

The Hankow See Chuen railway loan agreement was signed Tuesday. The signers are representatives of financial groups of the United States, France, Great Britain and Germany. The agreement provides for a loan to the Chinese government of \$50,000,000 for railroad construction.

#### Degree for Peary.

Commander Robert E. Peary received the honorary degree of doctor of laws from the University of Edinburgh Tuesday. The conferment was made before a distinguished company.

#### Use X-Ray on Waddell.

An X-ray examination at St. Louis Tuesday of Rube Waddell's arm showed the bones were not fractured in a recent game at Boston.

#### Packing Firm Indicted.

The federal grand jury sitting at Hartford, Conn., Tuesday returned an indictment against the meat packing firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, charging the shipping of unmarked and uninspected meats.

#### Earth Shock at Reggio.

A heavy earth shock occurred at Reggio, Italy, Tuesday evening, causing the people to run into the streets. No damage was done, however.

#### SUGAR TRUST JOLTED.

#### Oliver Spitzer a Witness at the Helke Trial.

Oliver Spitzer, a man whose conscience hurt him, came back to New York Monday like a specter from the grave, and with a pardon from the president in his pocket gave testimony at the trial of Charles R. Helke, secretary and treasurer of the American Sugar Refining company, who with five subordinates is charged with conspiracy to defraud the government in underweights of sugar imports. Spitzer, as superintendent of the company's Williamsburg (Brooklyn) docks got two years in the Atlanta penitentiary for his participation in the frauds but was quietly pardoned by the president last Thursday after serving only three months, and, having made full confession, from now on will aid the government in its attempt to convict his former associate.

Spitzer's story on the stand Monday did not directly connect Helke with the frauds, but his confession resulted in one new arrest Monday night. James O. Brzezinski, formerly an employee of the treasury department and now a private detective, was locked in the Tombs, charged with perjury. Spitzer confessed that he attempted to bribe Brzezinski to conceal the frauds, and the latter is alleged to have denied this before a federal grand jury. This apparent conflict brought about Brzezinski's arrest.

Spitzer told an amazing story on the stand Monday under direct examination, and hurried from the court to the federal grand jury room. This led to the rumor that his full confession would result in another batch of indictments.

#### ROYAL FAMILIES DUEL.

#### Count De Lesseps and Count De Poligny Injure Each Other.

Count Ismael de Lesseps and Count Just de Poligny fought their third duel Monday and this time each received a bullet wound. At the second exchange De Lesseps' shot struck the barrel of De Poligny's pistol, and, ricocheting, caused a flesh wound in the latter's arm. At the same moment De Lesseps fell, shot through the thigh. He was removed to a hospital, where it was found that the ball had just missed the femoral artery. The wound is not fatal.

De Lesseps is a son of Count Ferdinand de Lesseps and an officer of a cavalry regiment. Some weeks ago he quarreled with De Poligny at the Circus and blows were exchanged. On May 3 they met in a formal encounter with swords in the Parc des Princes, the scene of Monday's duel. De Poligny is lame, and after a round of sword play, during which neither was injured, the seconds called a halt. Subsequently pistols were substituted for the swords and six shots were exchanged. None of the bullets found its mark and the antagonists left the field without a reconciliation.

#### QUARREL ENDS IN DEATH.

#### Labor Official at Westville Shoots and Kills Adversary.

Joseph Smith was shot and killed at Westville, Ill., Monday night by John Welsh, secretary of the local miners' union. Welsh recently disarmed an Italian who had threatened to shoot John H. Walker, president of the United Mine Workers of Illinois, and Monday night's tragedy resulted from a quarrel over that incident.

Welsh surrendered to the police and is guarded by a strong force owing to threats of vengeance made by the friends of Smith.

#### SPECIAL TRAIN WRECKED.

#### Eighteen Passengers Are Slightly Injured in Virginia.

Eighteen passengers were slightly injured when the wreck late Monday of a special train running as the second section of No. 19 on the Southern railway near Cedar Run bridge, between Callett and Calverton, Va. The engine and four passenger coaches were derailed 200 yards from the bridge.

All the passengers were seriously shaken up and some were badly cut and bruised.

#### CLOUDBURST IN TEXAS.

#### Streams in Vicinity of Ida Overflow and Do Damage.

Streams in the vicinity of Ida, Tex., were overflowed as the result of a cloudburst Monday. A farmhouse was blown away by a twisting wind that accompanied the rain. Half covered practically all of Grayson county Sunday night.

Cotton is ruined and hundreds of acres of fruit trees are stripped of their fruitage and limbs. Half drifts more than two feet high were found in places Monday.

#### Blow from Fist Proves Fatal.

Charles Vietzen, aged 61, a teamster for the Standard Lumber company, of Dubuque, Ia., died Monday morning as the result of a blow administered a week ago by Henry Hutter. Hutter is being held for murder.

#### Son of Millionaire Is Found Dead.

Albert J. Snell, of Chicago, son of the millionaire Ames J. Snell, whose murder there in 1885 created a widespread sensation, was found dead in bed at a rooming house Monday. He was 50 years old.

#### Earthquake in France.

An earthquake was felt at Adge, France, at dawn Monday. The movement continued for twenty seconds.

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In Concise Form

#### GOVERNOR'S SILVER WEDDING.

#### Executive Mansion Scene of Festivity in Honor of Occasion.

Twenty-five years ago Ashton C. Shallenberger, bank clerk, and Miss Eliza Zieg were married at Osceola. Tuesday night Gov. Ashton C. Shallenberger and his wife observed that event with a most delightful reception at which scores of their friends called and paid the respects and danced and shared the happiness of the couple.

The executive mansion was decorated with southern smilax, palms and cut flowers and a beautiful bouquet of roses, the gift of some admiring friends.

Mrs. Shallenberger was born in Wisconsin and Gov. Shallenberger was born in Illinois. The two met while the governor was clerking in a bank in the Polk county town and soon after their marriage they removed to Alma in 1885. Here they have had their home ever since, the governor being engaged in banking and stock raising.

Members of the governor's staff presented the couple with a beautiful chest of silver, 172 pieces. Adjt. Gen. Hartigan making the presentation speech, which was responded to very feelingly by the executive.

#### J. H. BROCK SEVERELY HURT.

#### Workman at Columbus Injured While Guiding Block of Stone.

While riding one of the capstones to place on the First National bank building at Columbus Tuesday afternoon, J. H. Brock received injuries that may prove fatal. The heavy stone, which weighed about 800 pounds, was ready to be placed in position when the clevis, which was defective, broke and precipitated Mr. Brock and the stone to the sidewalk below, a distance of 25 feet. Mr. Brock suffered a broken leg and very probably internal injuries, although physicians are unable to tell just what the outcome will be.

#### Discrimination Case Is Up.

The cases of the state of Nebraska against the Home and Bell telephone companies, charged with discrimination in rates in allowing the county officers lower rates than individuals, were called before Judge Pemberton, in the district court at Beatrice Tuesday. The Bell company submitted the case on demurrer and the court took the matter under advisement.

#### Supt. Myers Goes to Blair.

W. H. Myers, superintendent of the Oakland schools, has been elected superintendent of the schools at Blair. Mr. Myers has been superintendent of the Oakland schools for the last ten years, except during Gov. Sheldon's administration, when he served as assistant superintendent of the boys' industrial school at Kearney.

#### Discuss Water Bonds.

It is proposed by the Beatrice city council to expend \$70,000 in installing a new water system, erecting a reservoir of 1,000,000 gallon capacity and installing machinery with the end in view of supplying the street lights of the city. A mass meeting of citizens unanimously endorsed the proposition.

#### Against the Saloon.

A remonstrance is about to be filed with proper authorities, against Frederick Peters, of Auburn, to whom a license to run a saloon was granted by the council two weeks ago. It is charged that Peters sold liquor to habitual drunkards and also to minors.

#### Arrested for Buying Liquor.

William Morton was arrested Saturday night by the Fremont police on the charge of buying liquor for Michael Reardon, a "black list" drunkard. The offense is punishable by a fine of \$100 and three months in jail.

#### Pioneer Passes Away.

James E. Foote, one of the oldest pioneers of southern Nebraska, and one of the best known men in that part of the state, died at his home south of Nebraska City Sunday, after an illness covering a period of two months, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

#### Ask for a New Depot.

A committee of citizens presented to Superintendent L. B. Lyman, of the Wyoming division of the Burlington, a petition signed by about one hundred business men and citizens, asking the Burlington to build a new passenger depot at Wymore.

#### Tarantula in Case of Eggs.

John Brun, of Elk Creek, found a tarantula in a case of eggs in his grocery store. It is presumed the spider was shipped in a bunch of bananas, fell out of the same and proceeded to make himself at home in the store.

#### Aged Man Found Dead.

Anson Brown, living near Auburn, was found dead in his bed Tuesday. Mr. Brown was ninety-one years of age.

#### BOY MANGLED BY ENGINE.

#### Andrew Swanson Caught in Machine and Dies from Injuries.

Bernard Swanson, the 19-year-old son of Andrew Swanson, living three miles southwest of Osceola, was fatally injured in a gasoline engine last week and died within a few hours.

The young man was grinding feed and had attempted to reach across the engine to adjust something, when his arm was caught in the governor and he was thrown against the machine. His arm badly cut up and he received a concussion of the head. The doctors amputated the arm within a short time. His death was due to injuries received about the head.

#### MAN HUNT AT DUNNING.

#### Sheriffs of Several Counties Pursue Fleeing Word, Wanted in Kansas.

A man hunt has been going on for the last few days in the vicinity of Dunning for Fleeing Word, who until recently has been employed by D. Evans, a liveryman at Seneca. He suddenly disappeared, taking with him a horse, after which it was learned he was an escaped convict from Topeka, Kan., where there is a reward on him of \$250. The horse has not been recovered, but Sheriff Evans, together with sheriffs from Seneca, Dunning and a deputy sheriff from Seneca, have been in hot pursuit.

#### SUPREME COURT RULING.

#### Nebraska Roads Must Pay Cash for Their Advertising.

In an opinion handed down Monday the supreme court of Nebraska declares that railroads of the state cannot legally contract to pay for newspaper advertising by giving transportation. The case was that in which Attorney General Thompson brought an original action to restrain the Union Pacific railroad from carrying out advertising contracts with various newspapers to exchange advertising space for mileage. The court permanently enjoined the road.

#### Suicide at Weeping Water.

Ware F. Allen, a junk dealer of Weeping Water, killed himself by shooting Friday afternoon. C. D. Quinton, county sheriff, came over from Plattsmouth and arrested Allen, who had been charged with insanity, and expected to take him to the county seat in the afternoon for a hearing before the board of insanity.

#### Exemplification of Ritual.

The juvenile band from Dwight, the David City band and the Germantown band played for the Modern Woodmen of America district rally at Seward Monday. Uniformed foresters came from nearby towns. A. R. Talbot and the head lecturer of the order were there. A class of 150 was adopted and the new ritual exemplified.

#### Fire Scare at Beaver City.

The Chicago, hotel at Beaver City, it is thought, was fired by an incendiary about 3 o'clock Saturday morning. The fire had burned through into the kitchen before discovered and the main part of the building was in flames when the fire department arrived.

#### Odd Fellows Will Lay Cornerstone.

York Boosters held a meeting recently in the parlors of the York Commercial club rooms, and at that meeting it was unanimously decided to celebrate the Fourth of July and assist the Odd Fellows in celebrating the laying of the cornerstone of the new Odd Fellows' home there.

#### Voted Bonds.

Tekamah Friday voted on the proposition to bond its school district for \$20,000 to build an addition to its schools. There were 294 votes cast and the bonds carried by a vote of 283 to 10. The women of Tekamah voted freely on the proposition, registering nearly one-half of the vote polled.

#### Injunction Against Strikers.

Judge T. C. Munger, of the federal court, Friday granted an injunction against the striking bullmen at the Haycock shops. The Burlington officials alleged that the strikers had established pickets and had assaulted several non-union men.

#### Newspaper Buys Building.

The Daily News of Nebraska City has purchased the building owned by the Morton Printing company and in which the late Daily Tribune was published, and which was erected by the late J. Sterling Morton, in which to publish the Conservative.

#### Purchases New Fire Team.

At a special meeting of the Nebraska City city council recently a new fire team was purchased for which the city paid \$500. The team that has been used has been in the service for twelve years and will be sold.

#### To Sue the City.

A. S. Gardner, who lost a leg some time ago by falling on a defective sidewalk at Blue Springs, has instituted suit for \$15,000 damages.

## CURB WASTE OF WOOD

U. S. Experts Will Aid Work of Forest Products Laboratory at Madison, Wis.

#### READY FOR OPENING JUNE 4

#### State Pays for Construction and Maintenance and Government Supplies the Equipment.

Completion of the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., which was established for the purpose of lessening, through experiments and demonstration, the waste in the manufacture and use of wood, is an event of importance to the wood-using industries and the engineers of the country. According to a Washington correspondent of the Chicago News, the laboratory, a cooperative undertaking between the University of Wisconsin and the United States Department of Agriculture, has received the hearty approbation of the lumber-manufacturing and wood-using interests generally.

The new building at the university has been erected by the State, which will furnish light, heat and power, while the United States Department of Agriculture will supply the equipment and apparatus and will maintain a force of thirty-five or forty experts to carry on the work. The laboratory will be prepared to make tests on the strength and other properties of wood, to investigate the processes of treating timber to prevent destruction by decay and other causes, to study the saving of wood refuse by distillation processes, to examine the fiber of various woods for paper and other purposes, and to determine the influence of the microscopic structure of wood on its characteristics and properties.

#### RECREATION OF ROCKEFELLER.

#### Invites His Neighbors and Friends to Take Delightful Rides.

The numerous friends and neighbors of John D. Rockefeller in the little city of Tarrytown, N. Y., are frequently treated to carriage and auto rides by the noted multi-millionaire. It is one of his favorite recreations to in this way give pleasure to those about him, and he has thereby greatly popularized himself among the residents of his home town. Not a pleasant day goes by without the world's richest man inviting some of them, men, women and children, to ride with him, and it is safe to say that the invitations are seldom declined, for his vehicles are the best to be had, and the drives around Tarrytown are beautiful.

Before starting for a ride, Mr. Rockefeller always dons a paper vest, declaring it to be a great protection against colds, and he insists that his guests do the same. After the ride he refuses to take back the garment, and consequently in nearly every home in Tarrytown may be found a paper vest preserved as a souvenir of a delightful ride with the great oil king.

#### NUN HELD FOR SWINDLE.

#### Arrest of Sister Candide in Paris Causes Sensation.

Sister Candide, a nun, famous in France for her charities and who has enjoyed for years the confidence and esteem of the best class of people, was arrested in Paris on a charge of larceny of jewelry from merchants who had confided it to her to sell. Her arrest was hastened by the suicide of Dr. Leon Petit, a well-known Paris physician, who left letters incriminating her in other shady transactions. Those who claim intimate knowledge of the facts say that liabilities of \$800,000 have already been located and that the exposure now assured will show the career of this woman in holy garb to have been more remarkable in many ways than that of the notorious Mme. Humbert or that of Cassie Chadwick.

#### ROLLINS PLEADS GUILTY.

#### Former Governor Pays \$2,000 Fine for Smuggling.

Former Governor Frank West Rollins of New Hampshire, who was accused on his arrival from Europe of trying to smuggle wearing and jewelry belonging to himself, wife and son, valued at \$2,000, was indicted in New York by the federal grand jury and pleaded guilty to the charge. Judge Hand declared that the distinguished position occupied by the Rollins family made the crime all the more reprehensible and directed the accused to pay a fine of \$2,000. The fine was paid.

#### IS KILLED "PLAYING SUICIDE."

#### Revolver Placed to Lad's Head by Companion, Is Discharged.

Joseph Klein, 11 years old, was fatally shot in Pittsburgh, and John Allen, aged 17, who admits having shot his companion, and another boy who witnessed the shooting declare that the three were "playing suicide." Allen had placed the revolver at Klein's head, instructing him how to commit suicide, when the weapon was accidentally discharged. The bullet passed through Klein's head back of the right ear. He died soon after being carried by his mother to their home near by.

#### New Envoy for Washington.

Dominico Da Gama, minister of Brazil to the Argentine Republic, will be appointed ambassador to the United States.

## The Week in Congress

By a vote of 40 to 25 the Senate Wednesday amended and accepted the House provision of the railroad bill which places the defense of suits before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the hands of the Attorney General, but permits the commission and shippers to intervene and even to continue the suit in case the Attorney General withdraws. The period during which rates of railroad companies may be suspended by the commission was extended from 60 to 120 days on motion of Mr. Aldrich. The debate on the bill continued throughout the day and was marked by some sharp passages between Senators Rayner and Hughes and also between Senators Rayner and Elkins. An early adjournment was taken to afford the Democrats an opportunity to confer over certain propositions made to them by the regular Republicans. The House spent the day debating a bill to extend to the Territory of Hawaii the laws of the United States concerning appropriations that are enjoyed by territories within the United States. The bill was passed, having been previously passed by the Senate.

In the Senate Thursday the Cummins amendment to the railroad bill requiring the approval of the interstate commerce commission to all increases in railroad rates before they take effect, was under consideration throughout the day, but no vote was reached. Mr. Cummins occupied the floor during the entire session. The regular Republicans and Democrats failed to reach an agreement. Campaign speeches occupied the House while sundry civil appropriation bills theoretically were under consideration. There was a strenuous debate on forestry, resulting in sending back for further conference a Senate amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill, giving the States 35 per cent instead of 25 per cent of the gross receipts from forestry administration. The remainder of the conference report was agreed to.

Whether there shall be authorized by the present Congress two or only one battleship was the subject of a long discussion in the Senate Friday while the naval appropriation bill was under consideration. The principal speakers were Senators Clay, Hale, Gallinger and Burton. It was brought out that the revenues of the present fiscal year probably would not equal the expenditures and that there would be an increased deficit. The tariff, ship subsidy, a lively dispute between Messrs. Ames of Massachusetts and Payne of New York, both Republicans, over Canadian tariff relations, and an arrangement of some of his Republican colleagues by Mr. Fish of New York, occupied Friday's session of the House. Messrs. McKinlay of California and Dickens of Michigan, Republicans, advocated the proposed \$250,000 appropriation for enlarging the scope of the tariff board's ascertainment of tariff information.

In the Senate Saturday eulogies were delivered on the lives of the late Representatives Cushman of Washington and DeArmond of Missouri. No other business was transacted. Party issues held the attention of the House while the proposed appropriation of \$250,000 in the sundry civil bill to enable President Taft's Tariff board to collect information for him was pending theoretically.

By the action of the Senate Monday the construction of two new battle ships for the navy was assured. Senator Burton's amendment to the naval appropriation bill to limit the authorization to one ship of the Dreadnought type instead of two, as authorized by the House, was defeated, 26 to 39. The bill then was passed. It carries appropriations aggregating \$124,000,000. In the House the proposed appropriation of \$250,000, as recommended by the President, was stricken from the bill on a point of order made by Mr. Fitzgerald of New York and decided by Representative Mann of Illinois, who was in the chair. In order to accomplish practically the same purpose in a different way, Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee offered an amendment appropriating the same amount of money, but leaving out all reference to the tariff board. He hoped in this manner to bring the amendment within the House rules. Mr. Fitzgerald, however, made a point of order against the new provision, and this was pending when the House adjourned.

#### INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.